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RICHARDSON, NSF/STPO FOR GRANGER, NSF/OSIS FOR  
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SUBJECT: OECD/CST MEETING OF COMPUTER UTILIZATION  
GROUP (CUG), APRIL 10-11, 1975.

REF: DSTI/CUG/75.13

1. SUMMARY: SEVERAL ROUTINE MATTERS WERE DISPOSED OF  
RAPIDLY IN ORDER TO COME TO GRIPS WITH THE MAIN  
BUSINESS ITEM, VIZ A GENERAL DISCUSSION OF THE 1976  
PROGRAM, IN THE FRAMEWORK OF THE FOLLOW-UP OF THE  
FEBRUARY 1975 CONFERENCE ON COMPUTER/TELECOMMUNICATION  
POLICIES AND OF THE PREPARATIONS FOR THE JUNE 1975  
SCIENCE MINISTERIAL. NEXT MEETING OF CUG, SEP.18-19.  
END SUMMARY.

2. ROUTINE ITEMS WERE: (A) ELECTION OF OFFICERS:

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SVENONIUS, (SWEDEN) CHAIRMAN; BEDFORD (IRELAND) AND

HATTON (CANADA, REPLACING BREWER), VICE-CHAIRMEN.

(B) PROGRESS REPORT ON INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY AND THE CITY, DSTI/CUG/75.6. US WILL PROVIDE BACKGROUND MATERIAL AS IT BECOMES AVAILABLE, BUT WILL NOT PARTICIPATE DIRECTLY. PHASE-OUT IN 1976 (SEMINAR) (C) HEALTH INFORMATION SYSTEMS, DSTI/CUG/75.7. PHASE-OUT IN 1976 (SEMINAR). (D) DATA PROTECTION AND PRIVACY. AN EXPERT GROUP WILL REVIEW POSSIBLE ISSUES ARISING FROM TRANSFRONTIER DATA FLOWS (SEPTEMBER MEETING LIKELY). (E) PRO-FORMA STATEMENT BY CANADIAN DEL ON RECENT DEVELOPMENTS IN CANADA FOR ELECTRONIC PAYMENTS, AND FOR DATA SERVICES BY BANKS AND COMMON CARRIERS.

3. COMPUTER/TELECOMMUNICATIONS CONFERENCE' SPT(75)3. AT ITS MARCH 1975 MEETING, THE CST RULED THAT IT WAS PREMATURE TO SCHEDULE FOLLOW-UP PROGRAM INPUT FROM THE CONFERENCE BEFORE THE JUNE SCIENCE MINISTERIAL (SEE OECD 08191, PARA 4). INSTEAD, THE SECRETARIAT WOULD PREPARE A PAPER FOR THE FALL CST MEETING, WITH PROGRAM PROPOSALS COORDINATED WITH THE CUG AND IPG. DURING THE CURRENT MEETING OF THE CUG, THE SECRETARIAT MADE A STRONG PITCH TO PRESENT ITS PAPER DIRECTLY TO THE CST, WITH ONLY A PERFUNCTORY ENDORSEMENT BY THE COMMITTEES CONCERNED. SEVERAL COMMITTEE MEMBERS, INCLUDING THE US, MADE IT QUITE CLEAR TO THE SECRETARIAT, HOWEVER, THAT THIS PROCEDURE WOULD BE UNACCEPTABLE, AND THAT THEIR CST MEMBERS WOULD BE INFORMED ACCORDINGLY. (MISSION REQUESTS GRANGER, NSF/STPO, TO NOTE THIS, AND TO MAKE APPROPRIATE STATEMENT TO CST ON MAY 13). AS MATTER STANDS, SECRETARIAT WILL PRODUCE DRAFT FOR CIRCULATION TO CUG AND IPG MEMBERS BY AUGUST, FOR AMENDMENT LATE SUMMER, AND SUBMISSION TO CST IN NOVEMBER.

4. SECRETARIAT HAS ALSO SCHEDULED APRIL 28-29 FINAL MEETING OF CONFERENCE STEERING GROUP FOR THE EXCLUSIVE PURPOSE OF FINALIZING REPORT ON CONFERENCE FOR INCLUSION IN DOCUMENTS FOR SCIENCE MINISTERS. AS THIS IS SO, MEMBERS OF THE STEERING GROUP ARE NOT EXPECTED TO

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BECOME INVOLVED EITHER IN DRAFTING OF SECRETARIAT PAPER OR IN MAKING PROGRAM COMMITMENTS. MISSION REQUESTS THAT DEPARTMENT INSTRUCT US MEMBER OF THE CONFERENCE STEERING GROUP TO RESIST EFFORTS TO ENTICE MEETING INTO DISCUSSION OF FOLLOW-UP PROGRAM.

5. 1976 PROGRAM, DSTI/CUG/75.14. RELUCTANTLY, THE CUG CAME TO THE CONCLUSION THAT DETAILED PROGRAM DISCUSSION WAS UNREALISTIC UNTIL AFTER THE JUNE SCIENCE MINISTERIAL AND THE NOVEMBER CST DISCUSSION OF THE SECRETARIAT'S BACKGROUND PAPER. THE COMMITTEE IN FACT AGREED WITH THE US (ISTVAN, NBS) THAT THE BEST SOLUTION WAS TO MAINTAIN THE PROJECTS KNOWN TO BE ONGOING AS THE CORE OF THE 1976 PROGRAM, LEAVING IT UP TO THE MINISTERS AND THE CST TO PROVIDE THE ADDITIONAL ITEMS, IF ANY. PROJECTS IN THE CORE PROGRAM WOULD BE (A) APPLICATIONS TO THE URBAN AND HEALTH FIELDS (B) DATA PROTECTION AND PRIVACY (C) USE OF COMPUTERIZED COMMUNICATIONS FOR ENERGY CONSERVATION. (D) CONSIDERATION OF HOW TO MEASURE THE UNCLASSIFIED

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IMPACT OF COMPUTER/COMMUNICATIONS ON PRODUCTIVITY. ISTVAN WAS WELL SUPPORTED IN HIS STATEMENT THAT A SINE QUA NON OF CUG WORK SHOULD BE TO BRING STUDIES TO THE ATTENTION OF OTHER OECD BODIES WITH SUBSTANTIVE INTEREST IN THE SUBJECTS UNDER CONSIDERATION. AS EXAMPLES, HE MENTIONED CUG WORK ON THE EDUCATION AND TRAINING OF COMPUTER SPECIALISTS, URBAN MANAGEMENT, ENERGY CONSERVATION, ALL OF WHICH IS OF DIRECT CONCERN TO OTHER COMMITTEES AND SECRETARIATS.

6. DATE OF NEXT CUG MEETING. SEPTEMBER 18-19, 1975  
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